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SUBJECT: GOB REQUESTS ASSISTANCE TO EXPEDITE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE

1. MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION ANDREAZZA REQUESTED MY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING DELIVERY OF AN EPOXY COMPOUND WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NITEROI BRIDGE IN RIO. THE BASIC FACTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

2. PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PRESIDENT MEDICI TO INAUGURATE THE RIO DE JANEIRO-NITEROI BRIDGE, A MAJOR PUBLIC WORK AND AN IMPORTANT TRANSIT ARTERY IN RIO. THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO DEDICATE THE BRIDGE ON JANUARY 20, THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT SEBASTIAN, PATRON SAINT OF RIO DE JANEIRO. CONSTRUCTION ON THE BRIDGE CAN BE COMPLETED BY THAT DATE IF 230 TONS OF EPOXY (USED FOR PREPARING METALLIC SURFACES FOR PAVING) CAN BE DELIVERED FROM THE MANUFACTURING CONCERN IN THE US. UNDER PRESENT PLANS, PART OF THE TONNAGE IS TO BE SHIPPED ON NOVEMBER 29 TO ARRIVE IN RIO DECEMBER 23 AND THE REMAINDER LOADED DECEMBER 20 AND ARRIVING JANUARY 13. THE MINISTER STATED THAT IF THE ENTIRE 230 TONS COULD BE SHIPPED NOVEMBER 29, CONSTRUCTION COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE DEADLINE.

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3. THE AMERICAN FIRM INVOLVED IS ADHESIVE ENGINEERING

COMPANY, 1411 INDUSTRIAL ROAD, SAN CARLOS, CAL. 94070, TEL
NO (415) 592-7900. THIS FIRM IS ASSOCIATED WITH A. BEMIS
ASSOCIATES WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ARE R.W. GAUL, PRESIDENT,
AND W.F. CONNOLLY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT.

4. THE GOB IS PLANNING TO SEND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
TO THE COMPANY TO DISCUSS EARLY DELIVERY; THOMAS LANDAU,
VICE-DIRECTOR OF DEPARAMENTO NACIONAL DE ESTRADAS DE RODAGEM
(DNER-THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT) AND TWO TECHNICIANS FROM
THE DNER'S CONSULTING FIRM OF HOWARD, NEEDLES, TAMMEN AND
BERGENDORF.

5. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT I WOULD CONVEY HIS MESSAGE TO
WASHINGTON AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE
WHATEVER CAN BE DONE TO ASSURE THE NECESSARY DELIVERY OF
THIS ARTICAL SUPPLY ITEM. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE
PUBLICITY FOCUSED ON THE NITEROI BRIDGE. IN VIEW OF
PRESIDENT MEDICI'S ROLE, THE GOB OBVIOUSLY HAS GREAT INTEREST
IN COMPLETING THE STRUCTURE BY THE APPROPRIATELY SYMBOLIC
DATE OF JANUARY 20. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED ABOUT THE
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US COMPANY.
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